

Coming to DC for the Inauguration? Here is some useful information:

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More information is available at <http://inaugural.senate.gov>

For more information about visiting DC, [click here](#) .

The Swearing In:

Ticket holders should make careful note of the gate directions printed on each ticket, and be aware of the prohibited items list for this event.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Firearms and ammunition (either real or simulated)
- Suitcases
- Explosives of any kind (including fireworks)
- Thermoses
- Knives, blades, or sharp objects (of any length)
- Coolers
- Mace and/or pepper spray
- Strollers
- Sticks or poles
- Umbrellas
- Pocket or hand tools, such as "Leatherman"
- Laser pointers
- Packages
- Signs

- Backpacks
- Posters
- Large bags
- Animals (other than service animals)
- Duffel bags
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tripods
- Camera bags

Other items that may pose a threat to the security of the event as determined by and at the discretion of the security screeners

Cameras are permitted on the Capitol Grounds, however, tripods and camera bags are prohibited items. For extensive visitor information, you may wish to direct constituents to the Joint Committee on the Inaugural Ceremony website: <http://inaugural.senate.gov/>

Metro and Public Transportation

From WMATA: ON Monday January 19, the Metro will open at 5 am and close at midnight. On January 20, Metrorail will operate rush hour service for 17 consecutive hours (4 a.m. to 9 p.m.), will stay open for two extra hours (until 2 a.m.), charge \$4 (cash only) for parking at its facilities and will be one important transportation alternative for people who are planning to attend the Inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Metro officials expect extremely crowded conditions on Inauguration Day. Metrorail stations and trains will be packed as people head to the Inauguration, and expect to see even tighter conditions afterward. Expect the crowds to be huge with hundreds of thousands of people expected to be in the nation's capital not only for Inauguration Day, but for the days preceding it as well.

The U.S. Secret Service has deemed the Inauguration as a special national security event and due to security measures, the Archives-Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter Metrorail station on Metro's Green and Yellow Lines and the Smithsonian Metrorail station on the Blue and Orange Lines, will be closed all day on Inauguration Day, Tuesday, January 20.

For more information on Inauguration transportation, click here: http://www.wmata.com/getting_around/metro_events/inauguration.cfm

Inaugural events and other attractions:

- View a civil rights display at the Smithsonian Institution.
- See a copy of the Gettysburg Address at the National Museum of American History.
- Visit the memorial to those who preserved freedom at the National World War II Memorial on the Mall.
- Attend a free concert by the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, on January 19 at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. (Tickets will be given out, one per person, first come first served, on the day of the concert.)
- Make your way to Capitol Hill's newest attraction, the Capitol Visitor Center
- Stand on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.
- Take a stroll through grand Union Station, including the Presidential Suite, where presidents waited to board trains and greeted dignitaries.

For more information, <http://www.pic2009.org> or [Visiting DC](#)